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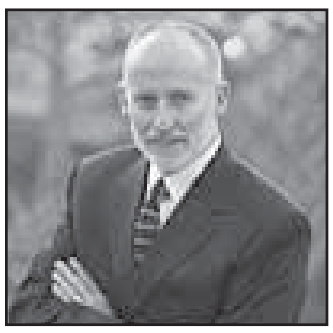

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Gone But Not Forgotten

Officer Michael Kelley #6982

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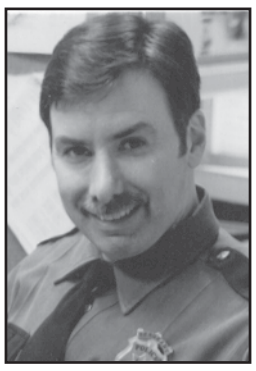
President's Message

By Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



Politics in Seattle are broken and are in dire need of repair! This has become even more evident this past month when the Seattle City Council rushed out legislation requiring the Chief of Police to explain, in writing, anytime he does not follow the recommendation of the OPA Director in a disciplinary case. This was nothing more than political grandstanding and an attempt to "one-up" the Mayor. Let me explain. As you may recall, the Mayor recently appointed an 11-member panel to review the SPD accountability and disciplinary system. This panel consists of many distinguished community leaders including Judge Terrance Carroll, former Governor Gary Locke, former Mayor Norm Rice, former US Attorney Mike Mckay and well-known UW Professor Hubert Locke.

As you may also recall, Councilmember Nick Licata was not satisfied with this panel and announced that he was going to form his own panel. The NAACP then announced they were forming their own panel. To my knowledge, both of those panels never materialized. Even in Seattle, three panels studying the same issue was a bit much! The Mayor's panel began its' work, but Councilmember Licata could not wait to see what their recommendations would be when their report is scheduled for release this November. Along with David Della and Richard McIver, they drafted legislation and rushed it to a vote before the council. The legislation will require the Chief to explain in writing whenever he disagrees with an OPA recommendation on a disciplinary case. The legislation won't take effect until January. So I ask the question, "Why the rush?" Other than political grandstanding in an effort to upstage the Mayor, why didn't the council wait until the panel completes their work and issues recommendations? Were they afraid they would not "get credit" for the idea? To make it smell even worse, the council allowed incumbent David Della to face the press and announce this legislation. Like this was a monumental and important piece of work! Is it a coincidence that this comes on the heels of SPOG joining forces with the Seattle Firefighters Union to unseat Della after his unproductive term on the council? You know it is bad when even the editors of *The Seattle Times* are critical of the council. In an editorial on 1-26-06 they wrote "…the city council flounders so much…and Nick Licata's staff is perceived as weak and agenda driven." The Seattle City Council just doesn't get it! The vast majority of Seattle citizens do not view the police disciplinary system as a major issue. Attend any precinct advisory council or neighborhood meeting and the issue for them is the police staffing crisis! I have interviewed every candidate for city council and I have asked them what the community tells them is the #1 priority when it comes to SPD. Every single candidate said that police staffing is the number one concern for the community. I asked each candidate if police disciplinary issues are a concern when they meet the public. Again, each of them told me that the subject rarely comes up. So the question that must be asked is why the council allows Nick Licata and his 30 "professional protestors" to steer them down this road. This legislation is unnecessary and was very untimely! To make matters even worse, Licata and Della decided to announce the legislation one day after we suffered the loss of Officer Kelley. I told the council in an e-mail that I was appalled at their timing.

Here are the reasons this legislation is unnecessary:
#1. The Chief disagreed with the OPA recommendation less than six times all of last year.
#2. The Chief of Police needs the ability to make disciplinary decisions without worrying that his written explanation will be "leaked to the press." The OPA Review Board's track record on "leaks" is questionable at best.
#3. This legislation may also lead to unnecessary disciplinary appeals through the Civil Service Commission or before the Disciplinary Review Board Arbitrators. If the Chief simply agrees with the OPA recommendation, officers will be forced to seek relief from the Civil Service Commission or through arbitration. This will be a waste of city resources and the lengthy legal wrangling for the officer will cause even more harm to the low morale on SPD. SPOG's legal counsel is reviewing this legislation and may determine that it constitutes an Unfair Labor Practice. Again, more wasted city resources!

So what can be done? This is election season! We all know at least 10 Seattle voters. We need to encourage them to vote and to ask them to check out the endorsements of SPOG and Seattle Firefighters Local 27, (www.seattlepoliceguild.org & www.iaff27.org). We need to send a strong message to the city council incumbents that they are going to be held accountable for ignoring the real public safety issues. They have ignored the police staffing issue until it has become a crisis. They have allowed SPD officers to slip further behind other police agencies in pay and benefits at the same time they have made themselves one of the highest paid councils in the United States! Some of them will boast that they have voted to "authorize more officers" but they do nothing to ensure that an attractive salary is offered, so that we can get the recruits to even take the exam. Our endorsements are listed on the front page. The SPOG Board is confident that these candidates will begin to correct things on the city council. If these candidates get "amnesia" after they are elected, they will face the same music when re-election comes around. We are in the political arena and we are going to make sure that "accountability" is not just a buzz word for the thirty professional protestors! Help us spread the word!

Seattle Police Officers have worked almost ten months now without a contract. I spoke with many retired officers at the banquet recently and I know that many of them rely on a contract settlement to get their pension adjusted. I ask everyone to continue to support this process and exercise patience. Our last contract session was very disappointing and we ended after just two hours. It appears that we are in for the long haul again, just like the last contract. Two years without a deal is only a year away now. It is frustrating, but we refuse to settle a contract that will do nothing to improve our standing with our west coast comparables. If the city council can be one of the highest paid councils in the US, then why can't SPD be the highest paid in Washington State? The SPOG negotiations team will not settle this deal until we are confident that it justly compensates our officers for all the work that they do. Stand with us as we fight for your working conditions and benefits!

I conclude this month by expressing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Officer Michael Kelley who was killed September 11th in an auto accident on his way to his POST BLET Training. It is so tragic when we lose any officer, but especially when the officer was just beginning his or her career. Although many of us did not get to know Officer Kelley, I have no doubt that he would have been an incredible police officer in Seattle. I would also like to take the opportunity to commend Chief Kerlikowske for his actions following the accident. The Chief personally stayed by the side of the family for many hours and went "above and beyond" in supporting them through this tragedy. It was an example for all of us that we need to treat each other like family a little more often.

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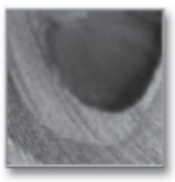

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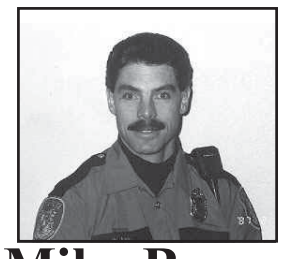

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The LEOFF II Sick Time Dilemma

By Officer Nick Bowns, North Precinct

GENERAL

1. Paid sick time is an employee benefit, but also earned by that same employee, by his or her years of service.
2. Sick time is a safety net and, when used during the course of a career, the employee benefits in lieu of salary.
3. If unused, (and the organization pays 25 cents on the dollar) the organization benefits, as that trained employee is available for duty. Admittedly, that employee is wage compensated for that duty.
4. The question is, who really benefits? The answer should be BOTH, employer and employee.
5. Individuals and organizations operate in their own best interest.
6. The LEOFF II bubble of police officers is entering the retirement window.
7. Will retiring officers cash in sick time at 25 cents on the dollar?

ASSUMPTION.

1. I believe that 95% of retiring officers will not make that decision.
2. So, what will they do?
3. What are the consequences?
4. What are the ethical implications?

THE NUMBERS.

I am going to use rounded numbers because it's then easier to do the math and get the concept. My numbers may not be exactly right because I don't have access to the actual databases. But, they still make the same point.

1. Let's say there are 1000 LEOFF II SPD officers.
2. Sick time is earned at a rate of 96 hours per year, or 10.6 days (100 hours and 10 days)
3. There are 242 to 261 workdays per year, discounting furlough weekends or Saturday/Sunday weekends.
4. There are 52 to 61 workweeks per year in our business.
5. So, an officer man-year is 250 days (an average) of work (from which we then take furlough, holiday and vacation days). Let's say 12 holidays, 13 furlough days, and 15 vacation days = 40 days off per year from the man-year. Being generous to the argument, let's say an SPD man-year is 200 working days (250 days minus 40 days). Obviously an officer will work more days than 200.
6. Over a 20 year career an officer accrues 1920 hours of sick time or 200 days.
7. Over a 30 year career an officer accrues 2880 hours of sick time or 300 days.
8. Over a 40 year career an officer accrues 3846 hours of sick time or 400 days.
9. Over the course of a year and over the course of years, let's say an officer legitimately uses one third of his/her sick days.
10. Retiring 20, 30, and 40-year officers would then have accrued 1280, 1920, and 2564 hours of unused sick time in the bank (150, 200, 300 days), which can be cashed in at 25 cents on the dollar.
11. If he/she does not cash in sick time at 25 cents on the dollar, as assumed, then that officer will begin to use those sick days in the final three to five years of his/her career, on the "use" or "lose" principle. Remember we have 1000 LEOFF II officers (1977-2007) already retiring and many others now beginning to push this window.
12. An officer can take one sick day per week and complete SPD form 2.11, without violating Department Policy and this will not require a physician to sign some long term bogus disability document. (This eliminates the ethical dilemma you will face, and, while supervisors will not like your decision, they will also face this same dilemma at the end of their career).
13. That retiring officer now has three or four day work weeks for almost the last three to five years of his/her career (1 day x 61 weeks x 3 years = 181) and can compensate himself/herself by working overtime on a scheduled day off without increasing the number of days he/she works per year. Those 150, 200, and 300 days in overtime pay will more than offset the lose of cashing is sick time at a rate of 25 cents on the dollar. In fact, working only about one fourth of those days off will offset that lose of 75 cents on the dollar.
14. The Department pays that officer that overtime.

THE COST/BENEFIT.

1. Is the above scenario more or less likely to occur?
2. If more, the Department will end up compensating retiring officers, in overtime pay, an amount equal to or more than paying 100% of accrued sick time balance, at the end of 20, 30, and 40-year careers. (In fact, in overtime pay alone, the Department will pay four times the amount of 25 cents on the dollar.)
3. But that's not the real cost (which, given this scenario, is a wash, if you choose to work overtime on only one out of every four sick days taken as an off day). For those retiring 1000 LEOFF II officers (who've accrued 150, 200, and 300 man days), the Department must replace one man year or one and a half man years for every retiring officer (still in the personnel man pool but using his/her sick time) and that's over and above all new hires.
4. The Department substitutes the experienced officer (day by day) with inexperience at an annual salary of say $50,000.00. And, they have to do it 1000 times, or more.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS ARGUMENT?

1. If Officers use only one third of their sick time, then, over the course of the years, the contractual obligation for 10 days earned per year is too much, and should be reduced. So the argument could go.
2. But, Police Officers are generally healthy people to begin with, and, tend to keep themselves in good shape, over the course of years. So, why should they earn 10 days per year?
3. As employees of a Police Department, earning sick time benefits, we're accruing hours for that catastrophic event, which could occur at any hour of any day of any shift. That's why we're accruing hours.
4. We are Seattle City Employees, but different. We are not talking about the Flu, a cold, a headache, or an upset stomach.
5. It's Catch 22. You earned it but didn't have to use it, or all of it, hopefully. Therefore, 75% of what you accrued, and did not use, is mine. No, it's not.
6. That is not a valid "Police Officer" argument.
7. There's nothing wrong with this argument.

PROPOSAL.

1. Make sick time accrued an incentive to work and don't loose those 150, 200, and 300 man days per officer and the experience they represent.
2. Cash out sick time at the following rates:

30 to 40 year veteran - 125%
20 to 30 year veteran - 100%
10 to 20 year veteran - 75%

3. Eliminate the ethical dilemma.
4. Motivate Officers to work and not use sick time.
5. 1000, 2000, or 3000 hours, cashed in as proposed in #2, provides the financial basis for long term future health care. (It's Win-Win. The Department is going to pay the overtime anyway, the Officer needs post career health insurance {a benefit not offered}, and the Officers earned it, he/she just didn't use it.)
6. These hours were earned by the employee, at a fully compensated rate, over the course of 20, 30, or 40 years, which could have been used at that fully compensated rate, but were not. So, how did 100% of an hour, become 25% of an hour?
7. What Officer is not going to consider the option of 3 or 4 day work weeks, when they can earn, in overtime, $50,000 to $100,000 extra (150, 200, 300 days x 8 or 9 hours x base pay rate), and still work only 4 or 5 days per week?
8. Well invested, that 50K to 100K, is a pretty good down payment for your post career health insurance premiums.
9. If adopted, this proposal represents an attractive hiring benefit, in lieu of post career medical benefits. ("We {SPD} don't offer you post career medical coverage, but we allow you to cash in sick time accrued at 100% of the hours accrued".)
10. Do the math.

RECOMMENDATION

If I were the SPMA (or SPLA {as previously suggested}), I would run to the bargaining table and demand that the Seattle Police Officers Guild accept Proposal Number 2, listed above, immediately, in this current contract cycle.

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Officer of the Month

By Officer Christopher Hall, West Precinct

The SPOG Officers of the Month for September 2007 is Officers A.J. Marks of the North Precinct, as nominated by Sergeant Sammy Derezes for his lifesaving actions at an accident scene.

On August 5th Officer Marks responded to a collision in which a bicycle drove into a parked car. The rider went over the trunk of the car, and through the back window, partially severing his carotid artery. Officer Marks responded to the scene, and realized that the rider needed immediate attention. He held a pressure bandage against the rider's neck, stanching the blood flow until SFD arrived. When the SFD Aid responders saw what had happened, they credited Officer Marks with probably saving the riders life by his actions.

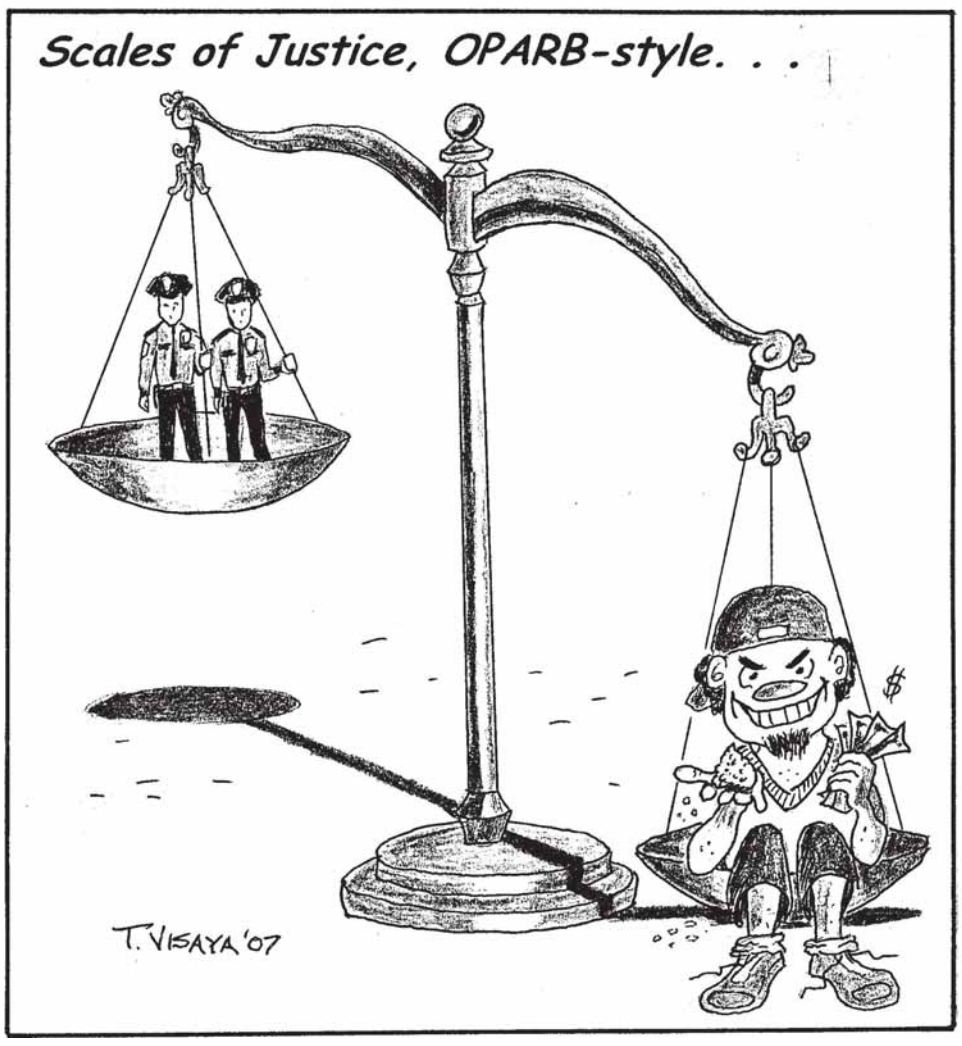
Also nominated this month:

Sergeant Steve Strand nominated Officers Marie Gochnour and Brandon McDougald of the Southwest Precinct for their actions on August 14th that started with the arrest of one suspect with numerous warrants totaling almost $60,000. They then found another suspect with a no-bail warrant and then closed out the shift by finding an occupied stolen vehicle. The vehicle fled and they located the ditched vehicle. With the assistance of K-9 they located the suspect and his stash of crack. They were able to obtain a confession where the suspect admitted driving the stolen vehicle, eluding police and possessing of the narcotics.

Sergeant Jake Magan nominated Officers Kim Biggs, Michelle Gallegos, Chriseley Lang and Merry O'Cleary for their handling of a knifepoint robbery call. Officer Gallegos took the report and later in the shift, Officer Lang located the suspect. The officer collaborated in locating witnesses, obtaining statements and recovering the knife. Only the words of Sergeant Magan can do the rest of this story justice: *"After being placed inside of a holding cell the suspect moved the handcuffs from front to rear, moved his shirt from torso to arms and defecated. Then, the suspect used his shirt to smear the feces on the holding cell window. The suspect then began kicking the holding cell door and threatened to shoot the officers with his hunting rifle. The officers donned layers of protective equipment and successfully negotiated to have the suspect submit to their orders in a manner that minimized the danger associated with handling a person covered in feces. The nomination of these officers is not for the arrest of the suspect but for the professionalism and restraint they exhibited under this outrageous condition! At the end of the shift I complimented them on their handling of this situation. All four officers simultaneously stated 'Sarge, working for you prepared us well for dealing with a slight matter like this.'"*

Scales of Justice

By Sergeant Ted Visaya, East Precinct



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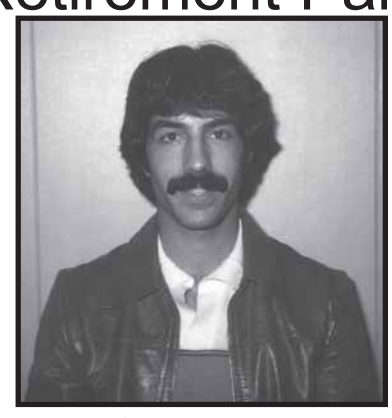

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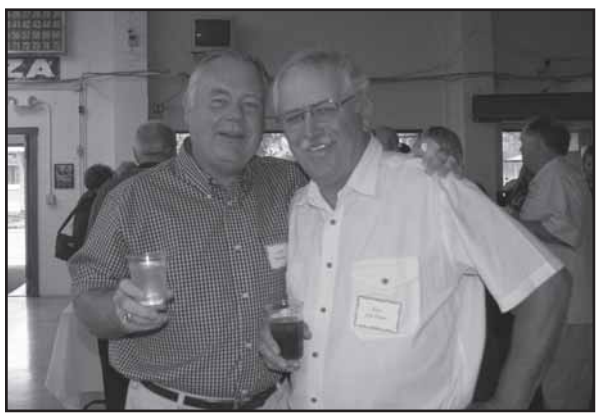

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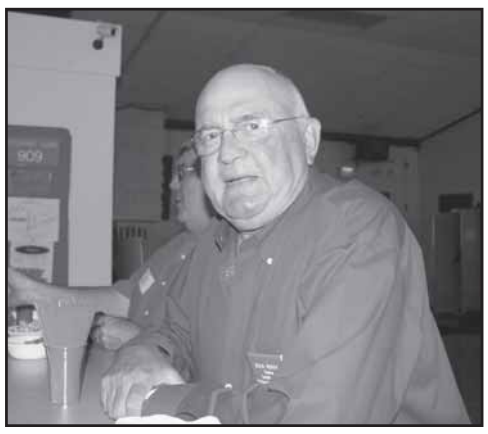

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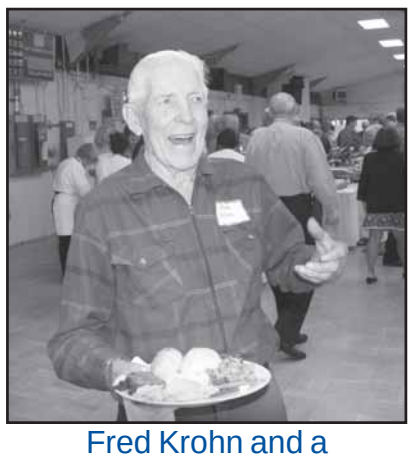

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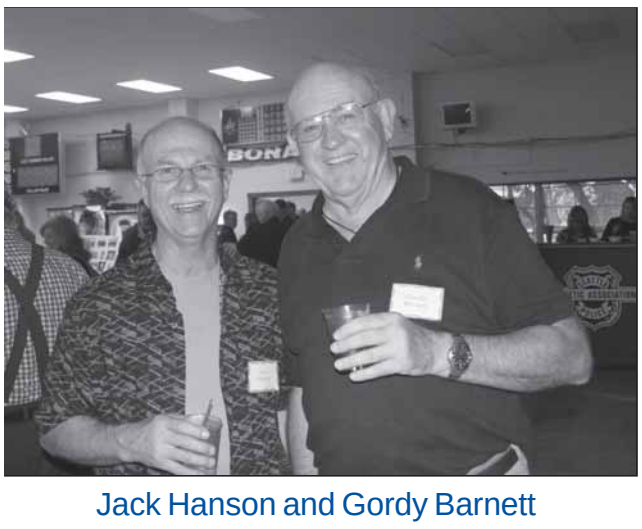

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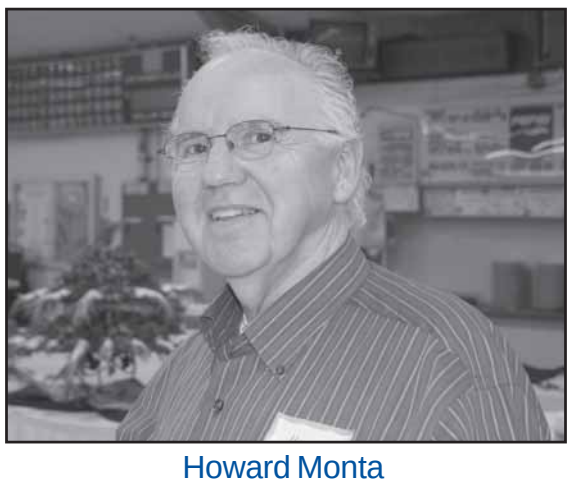

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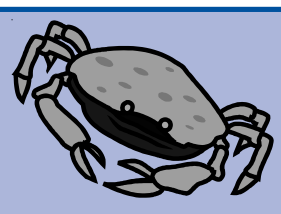

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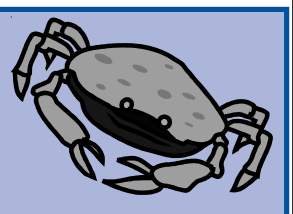

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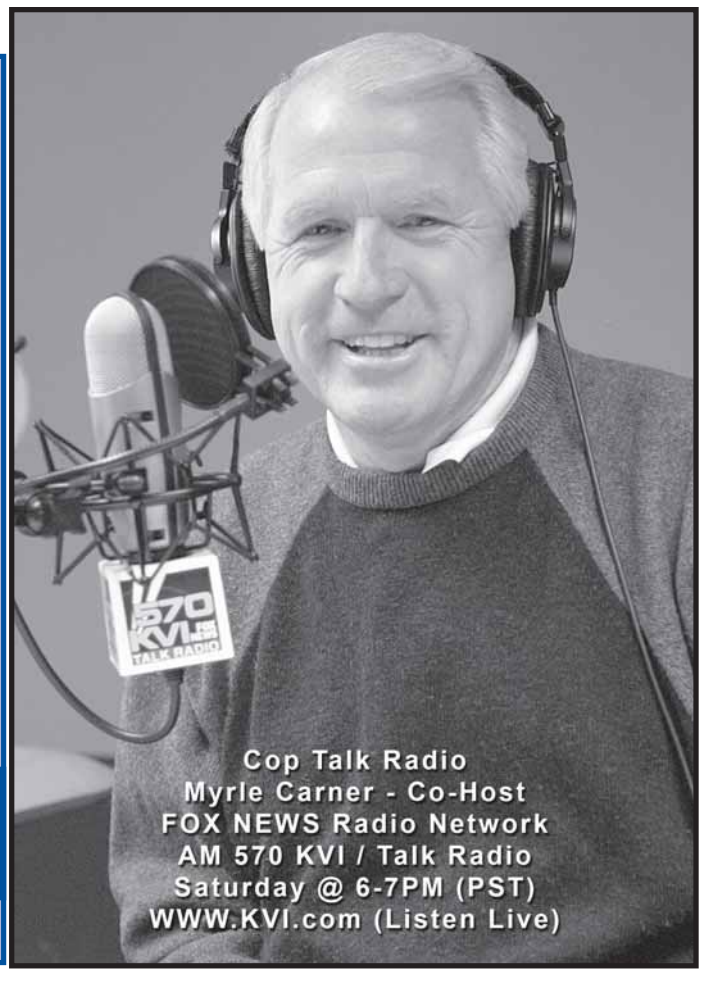


Relics From the Past

By Jerry Sampont and Pat Kelly, SPD Retired

After reading the June 2007 *Guardian* article about the restoration of a 1970 SPD Plymouth Satellite referred to as "a relic from another era" we both suddenly realized that we were relics from that era. Once the initial shock of seeing that statement in print had worn off we thought someone might be interested in knowing what SPD and the nation were going through during that era and what it was like to be a Seattle Police Officer during that era.

HISTORY AND MOOD OF THE ERA

The decade from the mid 1960's to the mid 1970's was a unique, interesting and troubled time for the nation and SPD. It was a major turning point in law enforcement all across the nation and led to a complete reorganization of SPD. U. S. Supreme Court decisions were being handed down on search and seizure, freedom of speech, obscenity, civil rights and suspect rights. These court decisions changed law enforcement forever.

President John F. Kennedy had been killed in 1963, Reverend Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert Kennedy were killed in 1968. Also in 1968, President Johnson ordered National Guard Troops to Chicago to help police quell the riots at the Democratic Convention. National Guard gunfire killed four Kent State Ohio University students in 1970 that were part of a protest group against President Nixon ordering troops into Cambodia. The Vietnam War started and ended during that era. There was a lot going on in the nation at that time.

Two Grand Juries were investigating police corruption within SPD, one Federal and the other impaneled by King County. The anti Vietnam War and Civil Right movements were in full swing. There were riots, demonstrations and bombings going on in Seattle and across the nation. However, the two Grand Juries were the most disruptive to SPD and lasted from 1969 to 1974.

A tolerance policy had existed within SPD and the City of Seattle for years. The Tolerance Policy involved police pay-offs, bribery and police protection. This allowed illegal vice and gambling activity to operate freely in the downtown area, the International District (Chinatown) and the Central District of Seattle.

In 1969 President Nixon appointed Bellingham attorney Stan Pitkin as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington. Pitkin impaneled a Federal Grand Jury to investigate police corruption but they had little authority to prosecute locally. In 1970 they did however convict an SPD Assistant Chief of perjury and sent him to prison. His trial publicly exposed the corruption within SPD and led to a 1970 King County Grand Jury impaneled by the new King County Prosecutor Cris Bayley. Both Grand Juries indicted hundreds and charged 54 SPD officers and public officials including a former King County Sheriff, a former Seattle City Councilman and a former King County Prosecuting Attorney of bribery, graft, perjury and contempt. For many different reasons most of the charges were dropped and only two were convicted and one plead guilty. An SPD Assistant Chief and Capitan went to jail and an SPD Major fled to Mexico to avoid an indictment by the grand jury. A number of officers were either fired or resigned. As a result of the Grand Juries police corruption within SPD came to an end.

In spite of the corruption there were a lot of good officers on SPD doing a good job. The Federal and King County Grand Juries did cause some distrust within SPD. Some of the old-timers didn't trust the rookies or each other and the rookies didn't know who to trust. Morale was low and the department was in turmoil. The SPD command staff was in complete disarray and there was no command stability until the early 1970's. On October 8, 1969 SPD Chief Frank Ramon resigned after what became known by the news media as the PALACE REVOLT took place. Three SPD Assistant Chiefs objected to Chief Ramon's interference in an on going gambling investigation that exposed the corruption within the SPD. The three Assistant Chiefs gave the Mayor an ultimatum that either Chief Ramon resigns or they would all request reassignment back to their permanent rank of Captain.

From Nov 1969 to Feb 1994 SPD had 9 police chiefs. Six of them served from Nov 1969 to Sept 1970. The nine chiefs were Frank Ramon (SPD) who resigned in 1969 as permanent chief; Buzz Cook (SPD) served a short time in 1969; W.F. (Frank) Moore (SPD) Nov 1969 to July 1970; Charles R. Gain from Oakland, CA July 1970 to Aug 1970; Edward Toothman from Oakland, CA Aug 1970 to Sept 1970; George Tielsch from Garden Grove, CA Sept 1970 to Mar 1974; Robert (Bob) Hanson (SPD) Mar 1974 to Mar 1978; H.A. (Bud) Vanden Weyer (SPD) Mar 1978 to Feb 1979; and Patrick Fitzsimons (NYC) Feb 1979 to Feb 1994.

George Tielsch (permanent chief 1970-1974) was the first to start rebuilding the department. He established the K-9 unit, horse patrol, brought the first helicopters to SPD, changed the patrol car colors from all white to blue and white and changed the SPD shoulder patches. Moral began to improve but we still faced the Anti Vietnam war and Civil rights demonstrations, riots, and bombings.

WTO type events were almost routine during that era and were called Unusual Occurrence (UO's). There were riots and demonstrations all over the city. Thousands took over I-5 and shut it down. The University of Washington, Downtown Seattle and the Seattle's Central District were real hot spots for demonstrations, riots, bombings, and building takeovers. During a UO officers would often be required to work 12-hour shifts. There were times when it was necessary to work six man patrol cars in full riot gear. There were a number of dissident groups that were formed during that era. Some were violent and radical, while others were not. Just a few were the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), Weather Men, Black Panthers, Seattle Liberation Front (SLF), and Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA).

This was also a dangerous period for SPD and the City of Seattle. From September 1, 1967 to September 21 1976 ten Seattle Police Officers died in the line of duty, David Richards 9/1/67; Steven Kuga 5/16/68; John Bartlett 3/11/68; Robert Allshaw 11/11/68; Robert Ward 5/15/69; Fred Carr 2/25/74; James Forbes 6/21/74' James St Delore 6/21/74; Jerry Wyant 12/26/76 and Dorian Halvorson 9/24/76. There were 69 bombings and a number of arson fires in Seattle causing $3.5 million in property damage in 1969.

In July 1970 Seattle mayor Wes Uhlman testified before the U.S. Senate that between February 1969 and July 1970, 90 incendiary and explosive devices had been set off by anti-war and civil rights protesters. These devices damaged schools, universities, businesses, homes of elected officials and churches. Seattle had the distinction of having the highest number of bombings per capita in the nation and ranked only behind New York and Chicago in total number of bombings.

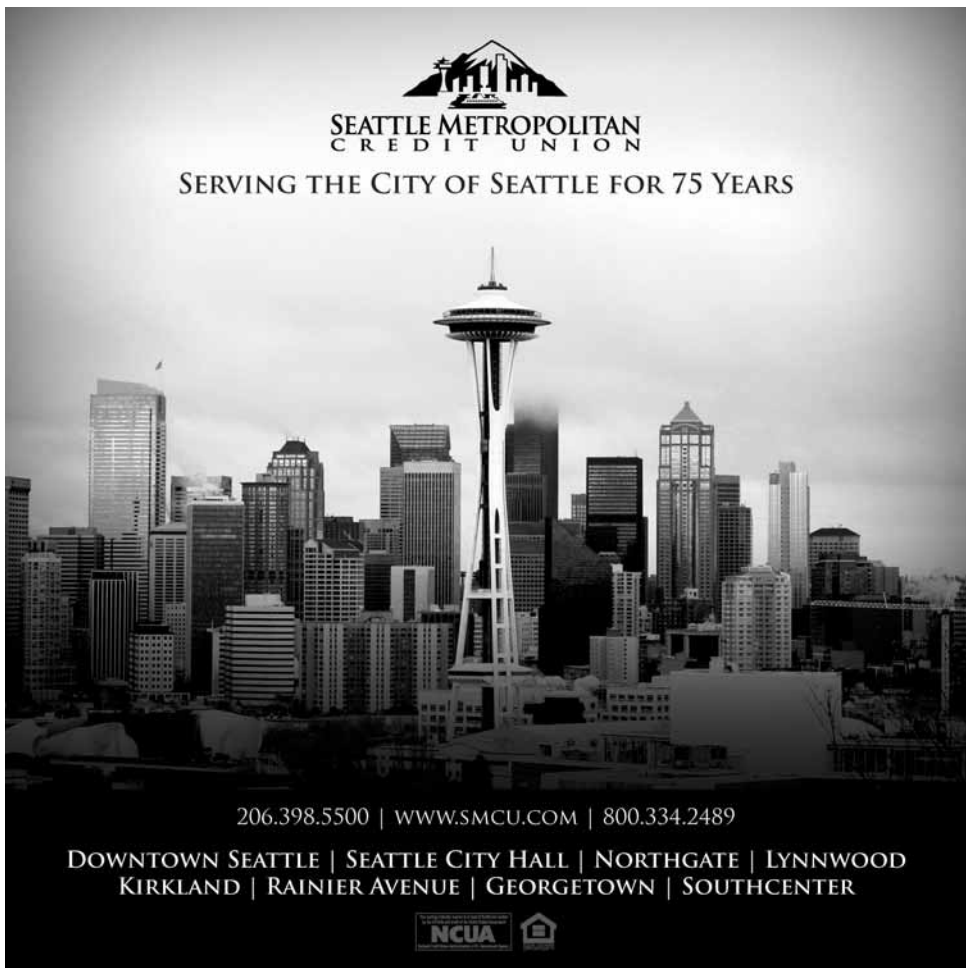
Public support for SPD was often lacking during these times. In 1969 alone there were 300 complaints filed against Seattle Police Officers for brutality and misconduct of which 76 were found to be valid. The term PIGS which referred to police officers was coined during this time and prompted SPD officers to adopt a pig for a mascot and establish the slogan "Pride; Integrity; Guts; Service".

Although these were difficult times for the nation and SPD it was still great to be a Seattle Police Officer. We were there, we were part of it and saw it all happen, both the good and bad. Our next article is going to cover what it was like to be a Seattle Police Patrol Officer during that time.

Pat Kelly #3180 and Jerry Sampont #3193 both hired on in 1969 and worked as partners in King Sector from 1970 to 1975. They also worked together for three years in the Detective Division. They currently travel together with their wives in their motor homes. Sampont lives in Port Angeles, WA and Kelly has property in Eastern Washington and Yuma, AZ.

Information for this article was gathered from HistoryLink.org, seattle.gov/city archives/reference/officials/police, Seattle Times, Seattle PI, SPD website, SPD Officer Jim Knight and from our collective memories, but there's not much left in there to collect from anymore.

If you have any comments for Pat or Jerry contact them at; twooldrelics@hotmail.com.



On My Way Out

By Sergeant Wayne Ferguson, West Precinct

I will be retiring by the end of March ’08 with about 40 years on, most of which have been in Patrol. I thought that my perspective on the Department, it’s policies and how those policies have affected law enforcement and the lives of our officers over the last 40 years, would be of interest to the Department…how silly of me. So…The purpose and intent of this communication is to provide a separation interview to the brass through the Guild Paper.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I’ll admit I’m a Patrolman at heart and have never really aspired to be anything else. Except for a stint as a Street Vice Detective Sergeant (emphasis on street), I have always been in Patrol and would rather sell shoes than be in an office. No offense to any shoe salesmen reading this.

I believe I have put my finger on the underlying cause of the vast majority of the problems in the Seattle Police Department. It is INSTITUTIONAL COWARDICE and I will discuss how this phenomenon has affected policy decisions and morale over the last twenty years, starting with the blatant politicization of the Police Department.

I have seen a lot of these problems develop over the last 40 years and can offer explanations, examples, and even some solutions, as well as whine appropriately. I won’t single out individuals to blame for these problems which would be generally unproductive and besides; we usually know who’s to blame for these stupid policy decisions, anyway. However, I will throw in some first person history to illustrate how things have changed in the real world of police work. Some changes have been good and some have been bad, but generally, the more things change, the more they stay the same. This is easily understood if you accept the fact that people haven’t much changed for thousands of years and still have the same weaknesses, desires, and ambitions regardless of technological advances or cultural change.

It was the best of times, and it was the worst of times… a little literary humor there. I hope to write several articles before I retire addressing the many issues we complain about daily, such as the non-pursuit policy, OPA, LEOFF retirements, staffing, the homeless, stat arrests (I call them masturbation arrests because while making some arresting officers and the brass feel good, they accomplish little or nothing outside of moving a problem from one area to another), promotions, the FTO program, and other general inequities that exist within the Department vis-à-vis inept supervision, policy making and special person status.

But, before I tackle the job of documenting and curing all the Department’s problems, I thought I would share a few anecdotes to perhaps give a flavor of the culture of the day and provide a yardstick to compare today’s Department with yesterdays.

I’ll start by adding a little information to the June issue of *The Guardian* regarding what I consider to be the best police vehicle ever offered: the 1970 Plymouth Satellite. The article maintained that all the Satellites were assigned to traffic but I believe we had two assigned to Patrol; one to East and one to West. In those days, East and West Patrol, as well as all detectives, worked out of the old Public Safety Building at 3rd and James and we checked out the car keys and shotguns from the property room window, which was located on the third floor of the Public Safety Building. We routinely drove a ’70 Satellite in Queen Sector and occasionally we were able scam both cars.

After checking the cars out, we would proceed to the old Cordes parking lot at 5th and Cherry to gas the cars up. The two gas pumps located there served both Precincts. With a little finagling, we could just barely back the cars in at an angle next to the pumps to get under the single dim light bulb in order to get enough light to take the air cleaner off the carburetor. As I recall, these cars were fitted with a 383 C.I. engine with 440 heads and dual exhaust. These were the same engines we had in the 1969 Plymouth Fury 1’s which were a much larger car (it was also the first patrol vehicle we had that made it impossible to sneak down alleys due to the loud exhaust note). We then inserted a small screwdriver (we had to grind the blade down to make it fit) through the carburetor bowl vent to raise the level of the metering rods to richen the fuel mixture and then turned the air cleaner top upside down to increase the airflow. Both of these modifications made the cars much faster, and we were off to the races (so to speak). Obviously, once these modifications were done, we needed to determine which car was faster and either Airport Way or 15th West were the designated testing grounds for this important piece of information. Important because of the numbers and speed of the chases we were involved in. In the late 60’s and early 70’s every auto manufacturer was engaged in building muscle cars and it seemed every kid on Queen Anne or in West Seattle had one, and they didn’t hesitate to try and run from us. Very few succeeded.

For those car buffs reading this, we had ’67 and ’68 Ford custom 500’s before the Satellites and I can remember driving a ’65 or ’66 Plymouth Belvedere as well. These cars were all white, of course, with the silver Chief Seattle head shield on the doors and a single red cherry on the top (blue lights didn’t come on the scene until a few years later). The Fords were powered by 390 C.I. engines and like all the early cars, had no radios or air conditioning. The early Plymouths had 318’s. Many of the ’67 Fords were armored because of the Capital Hill riots of the late 60’s and weighed over 5000 Lbs. This made the summer very uncomfortable because the windows in the armored cars wouldn’t roll down more than a couple of inches. This coupled with our wool long sleeved uniforms, ties, and sometimes hats (mandated by some sadistic sergeants) made for a real sweaty afternoon. Trying to stop one of these monsters with their non-power assisted disc brakes was a test of the strength of your legs. I say legs because I can remember more than one chase from the top of Queen Anne Hill that had me standing on the brake pedal with both feet while literally bending the bottom of the steering wheel up trying to get enough leverage to slow the beast down. Oil pans took quite a beating in the hilly City of Seattle and I don’t doubt that we could have been the test site for oil pan design for Ford and Chrysler.

It’s also important to note here that we didn’t adopt a non-pursuit policy because people ran. We chased them because it was obvious that if we didn’t, more people would run and the danger to the public would be increased as a result. It was rare that anybody eluded us back then, unlike today.

I understand that more and more departments are starting to reverse their non-pursuit policies because they’re not only finding that more people run from them, but that these people don’t slow down simply because the police are no longer in pursuit. The combination of the dangerous driving continuing and the increase of the failure to stops due to the policy itself, leads me to believe that this policy actually increases the level of danger to the public.

As an interesting aside to the policy issue, I was in a sergeant skills class sometime before this policy went into effect and was being discussed by Legal Advisor Leo Poort. He was lecturing about changes in the law and I asked him if he remembered any huge liability lawsuit involving a third party as a result of a police pursuit in the previous 30 years. He said he was not aware of any. Another sergeant in the same class was working Research and Destroy, at the time Chief Kerlikowske first took over as our chief, and he overheard the Chief saying that he wanted to implement a non-pursuit policy. Now, the Chief is the boss, if he wants a non-pursuit policy, fine, it’s his decision, but if you remember, the policy was sold to us as limiting liability and promoting officer safety. These are and were non-issues at the time the policy was instituted.

There have been no liability issues and there have been no officer deaths related to police pursuits that I recall. Further, the Washington State Supreme Court had ruled on a case (before the policy was implemented) of a WSP pursuit of a motorcycle, in which the complainants claimed the trooper was following too closely causing the rider to be run over and killed. The Court ruled that the State couldn’t be held liable unless the trooper exhibited “extreme” recklessness. This pretty much rules out the liability aspect of the argument unless, of course, you don’t trust your officers to act reasonably in pursuits.

This is another example of lack of trust in the officers of the Seattle Police Department, which seems constantly exhibited by the brass, and is part and parcel of the INSTITUTIONAL COWARDICE I cited in the opening paragraph. This is corrosive to morale and limits the effectiveness of the Department.

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Retired News

By Mike Germann

Question: Which retired Seattle Police member will celebrate his 100th birthday on December 2, 2007?

Answer: **Ralph Zottman**, retired Captain, that's who. There's a birthday celebration being planned for Saturday evening, October 6, 2007, beginning at 5:00 p.m., at the Burien Elks Lodge. Call Paul Peterson at (206) 763-8106 for more info and reservations. You don't want to miss this event. Imagine, a real live 100 year old retired police captain. See for yourself.

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Retired Seattle Police Officers' Association News

The Fall Call Box will feature photos from the Retired Officers Banquet as will the RSPOA website http://rspoa.homestead.com.

The Association would like to update its e-mail list. If you are online and did not receive a recent e-mail message announcing Ralph's birthday celebration and a reminder about the Banquet, please add your address by contacting retiredspd@aol.com. Even if you don't have a computer, your kids or grandkids probably do. Send us their address and you can get RSPOA email updates.

RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
August 8th 2007

Acting Vice President, Dick Rovig called the meeting to order at noon in the dining room of the Four Seas Restaurant at 8th S. and King Street

Pat Lamphere led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of officers showed Nick Bulpin, Mike Slessman, Jerry Taylor, Paul Peterson, and Dick Rovig present with LaVelle Thresher, John Sullivan and Pat Munter being excused.

Dick Rovig then introduced Jerry Taylor as President Pro-tem to serve until the December elections and turned the meeting over to Jerry.

President Taylor directed everyone the minutes of the July meeting that had been distributed. Ed Turner made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Rovig and passed unanimously. Nick Bulpin gave the financial report and a motion to accept the report and pay the current bills was made by Myron Maxwell, seconded by Dick Sherwood and passed unanimously.

Jerry Taylor then gave an update on the LEOFF medical benefit study. There is move to create a statewide disability board and use surplus funds to assist cities and counties with medical obligations. He cited IRS 401 H which provides surplus funds in a retirement system can be used to fund medical benefits if the retirement system is 120% funded. A committee of "stake holders" (cities, counties and retirees) has not yet been created by the Governor. The LEOFF 1 Coalition is hoping to appoint Dan Downs and Joe Fischnaller to serve on any committee that may be formed.

Howard Monta reminded everyone to attend the RAP picnic tomorrow (8/9/07) beginning at 10AM at the Range. Free lunch will be served at 1:15 also a raffle, games and beverages.

Nick Bulpin stated the Relief Association will be sending out invitations to the Annual Retired Officers Banquet to be held September 12th. RSVP's will be required for the number of guests to attend.

Bob Caruth reported there will be a wake for Carl Sandbeck to be held August 25th at the Four Seas restaurant. Dick Rovig will post details on the RSPOA web site.

Jerry Taylor then introduced guest speaker, Dennis Law, a long time friend of police officers who is currently running for Mayor of Renton. Dennis publishes a business journal covering south King County. He formerly published neighborhood papers from Beacon Hill to Wallingford. He related several stories of past encounters with law enforcement and shared several photos from his archive. President Taylor presented Dennis with an honorary retired police badge.

There being no further business, Dick Sherwood moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:45.
Respectfully submitted, Nick Bulpin, Secretary Treasurer.

RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board meeting
September 5, 2007

President Taylor called the meeting to order in the conference room of the Relief Office at 2517 Eastlake E. at 11:10 am. Members present were Nick Bulpin, Mike Slessman, Dick Rovig, Paul Peterson, and Pat Munter. John Sullivan was excused and LaVelle Thresher was absent.

The Minutes of the last board meeting of July 16,2007 were read by Taylor and accepted.

President Taylor was provided a schedule of events for the Retired Officers Banquet by the Relief. Banquet set-up preparations were scheduled for September 12th at 10:30am.

President Taylor gave a brief Coalition report stating the next meeting would be held in Olympia October 18th 2007. He went on to report there was a seminar being held in Moses Lake today that dealt with medical benefits and Joe Fischnaler was to be present. Moses Lake is not paying all medical bills and the Coalition may support a lawsuit in the future. The Coalition has annual expenses of approximately $25,000.00 and a budget has been proposed. The Coalition has spent $147,000.00 since its inception in 2001 and has approximately $150,000.00 in reserves.

Dick Rovig reported the next Call Box would follow the banquet and the deadline for articles would be September 19th and scheduled mailing would follow within a week. President Taylor then requested a Call Box be put on a quarterly schedule. Additionally he wanted to mail out post cards to track current address verification of our members and that mailing was tentatively scheduled for the Holiday Season.

President Taylor appointed Dick Rovig to work with him on improvements of our web site.

President Taylor asked for ideas on how to contact LEOFF II retirees for potential membership in the RSPOA. Bulpin and Rovig will draft an article for the Guardian requesting new retirees to contact the RSPOA for membership.

President Taylor reported Joe Fischnaler has agreed to be guest speaker at the October lunch meeting and asked for ideas for future guest speakers.

There being no further business Pat Munter made a motion to adjourn at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nick Bulpin, Secretary/ Treasurer.

R.A.P. Club Summer Picnic and Bocce Ball Tournament

Some 54 retired R.A.P. Club members and guests had a great time at this y ear's Summer Picnic/ Barbecue and Bocce Ball Tournament on August 9, 2007 at the Range Picnic Shelter. Marty and Rita Spotanske won the Bocce Ball Tournament and Bert and Myrna Richards took second. The food was "great" according to all reports and as usual a significant number of police widows were in attendance. They seem to like this event. But R.A.P. means more than a picnic and Christmas get-together to its members. Recently deceased retired Major Don Kelsey's son-in-law came to a R.A.P. Club lunch to thank those present for the compassion and camaraderie shown by the members to Don Kelsey, from both R.A.P. and the Retired Officers' Association, during the last days of his life.

So you see, that's the way it is with Seattle Police retiree organizations. Even if you haven't attended a R.A.P. or Retired Officers' meeting for a while, try to do so. You'll feel better for it.

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Retirees' Birthdays

Ed Note: The numbers in parenthesis indicate the October birth date.
Harold C. **Allen** (25), Agnes K. **Arndt** (8), Robert M. **Avery** (28), Cynthia **Bagley** (24), Kenneth D. **Baker** {21), Jerry W. **Beem** {12), David W. **Bey** (4), John S. **Blackwood** (29), Lawrence P. **Bodvin** (12), Dennis A. **Bringham** (10), Michael A. **Broyles** (17), Robert J. **Burns** (1), Jeff G. **Caldwell** (9), (26), John L. **Chytil** (3), Philip T. **Cruse** (3), Philip M. **Davis** (31), William E. **Dolan** (21), Wayne H. **Dorman** (10), Peter G. **Dornay** (9), Dale W. **Drain** (23), Marian T. **Fiedler** (16), John J. **Fox** (9), Philip H. **Halverson** (1), John M. **Hamlot** (16), James A. **Hanson** (27), Janet L. **Hartzell** (8), William E **Hebert** (7), Larry E. **Holder** (22), Donald E **Houston** (15), F. James **Johnson** (6), Raymond . **Johnson** (24), Gerald B. **Jorve** (18), William H. **Karban** (22), Samuel H. **Kochrian** (18), John W. **Kriney** (28), Doris I. **Leaf** (19), Erling G. **Levin** (9), Leon O. **Libby** (20), Michael J. **Lorenzo** (25), Rebecca A. **Macpherson** (14), Frances C. **Mairs** (28), Hans S. **Marx** (11), Paul D. **McCloud** (19), Richard W. **McLachlin** (9), Marlynn M. **McLaughlin** (23), Howard A. **Monta** (10), Jon E. **Moore** (9), Clarence L. **Moyes** (8), Loretta Russell **Mullen** (11), Michael J. **O'Mahony** (19), Gary D. **Pankey** (2), Barbara L. **Parke** (9), Michael E. **Patrick** (19), Stephen P. **Pellegrini** (15), Donna **Price** (24), Wilbert P. **Raymond** (22), Carl V. **Reinbolt** (22), Richard D. **Reith** (23), Francis L. **Roesler** (7), Calvin **Rowley** (8), Idell G. **Rutherford** (18), H. Michael **Slessman** (14), Bruce L. **Smith** (6), Neal H. **Sorenson** (3), Richard S. **Sprinkle** (19), Gerald W. **St George** (13), David J. **Stanford** (15), Kenneth **Starkweather** (24), Richard J. **Steiner** (26), Helen **Stevenson** (8), James F. **Street** (24), Larry F. **Sutton** (6), Kenneth M. **Swanson** (6), Glenn R. **Tellefson** (27), Flora C. **Trapp** (12), Hubert A. **Vandenwyer, Jr** (23), Norma L. **Vane** (29), Gerald D. **Wabschall** (10), Douglas G. **Wilburn** (21), Terry L. **Wilson** (5), Patrick H. **Wright** (29), Dennis F. **Zimnisky** (13), David **Ziskin** (8)

Both meetings start at about 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you there.

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Important Date!!!!
SPOG Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 31st
at 2000 hours
Complimentary Dinner **All Members Welcome**

Last Ring

Donald J. "Don" Kelsey, #1052, retired Seattle Police Department Major, passed away on August 5, 2007 at Northwest Hospital in Seattle. He was 84 years of age upon his death.

Don Kelsey was born on December 26, 1922. He was appointed a Seattle Police "Patrolman" on September 1, 1949. He served admirably in both uniformed and plain clothes assignments. He promoted through the ranks of the Seattle Police Department to "Major of Police," which no longer exists on the S.P.D. roles. Don retired on September 1, 1977 following 28 years of loyal, dedicated and uninterrupted service. Don Kelsey was quite a guy and those who had the opportunity to work with and around Don Kelsey were truly fortunate.

Don's wife, "Pris," preceded him in death on June 17, 2002, following 59 years of marriage. Surviving are three children, a son and two daughters, and six grandchildren.

No funeral services are planned, at Don Kelsey's last request.

Milford E. "Buzz" Cook, #419, Retired Seattle Assistant Chief of Police, died in Seattle on August 6, 2007. He was 93 years of age upon his death.

Milford E. "Buzz" Cook was appointed to the Seattle Police Department as a "Patrolman" on May 23, 1941 and worked his way up through the ranks to the position of Assistant Chief of Police. He retired for service on May 31, 1970 after 29 years of police service. He was the most powerful and influential of all the Assistant Seattle Police Chiefs of his time.

Buzz's wife, Barbara, preceded him in death in November 1998. He is survived by three children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A daughter, Darlene Fairley, is a State of Washington Senator from Lake Forest Park.

This man was truly a legend in his own time.

At his request there will be no memorial services.

Jon E. Moore, #3442, retired Seattle Police Detective – Bomb Squad, passed away in the early morning hours of September 5, 2007 in Auburn, Washington. His family was at his bedside and his sister Cheryl was caring for him in her home. Jon was 60 years old at the time of his death.

Jon Moore was born on October 9, 1946. He was appointed a Seattle Police "Patrolman" on July 17, 1970. He served in uniformed patrol for a decade and thereafter was assigned as a Detective. He sought to be assigned to the Bomb Squad (Fraud/Explosives) and in the fall of 1985, he made it. Jon mostly served in the Bomb Squad for the rest of his police career, except for an assignment to Felony Warrants (Fugitive). Jon Moore retired from the Seattle Police Department on December 28, 2002, having completed 32 years of sworn service.

A celebration of Jon Moore's life is planned for Saturday, September 15, 2007; plan to arrive at about 3:00 p.m., at the Seattle Police Athletic Association Pavilion located at the Seattle Police Range, 11030 E. Marginal Way S. All who knew Jon are invited to attend.

Jon Moore was preceded in death by his infant son, Jon, Jr., in the fall of 1981. Surviving are two daughters, Monica and Mary, and a sister Cheryl Nelson. Cheryl took loving care of Jon in her home during the final days of his life. Seldom have I seen such love and devotion for a sibling. Jon's ex-wife Eileen was there along with many other family members and friends.

Jon Moore was a solid and serious man who took great pride in his police work. Others both liked and relied on him when they needed a helping hand. He wouldn't let them down. The number of people who visited Jon to pay their respects in the last days of his life was astounding. Present and former Seattle Police Officers flocked to Jon Moore's bedside as did a large number of non-sworn collegues, family and friends. This kind of showing of respect and admiration almost overwhelmed Jon's care givers. Would you believe the "King of Iron Mountain," AKA "The Green Visor," paid Jon a visit? So, that's what folks thought of Jon Moore.

A commemorative contribution to the Seattle Police Officers' Guild's "Fallen Officers Fund" would be in order, for those so inclined.

May they all rest in peace.

Editor's Notes

By Detective Ron Smith,Pawn Shop

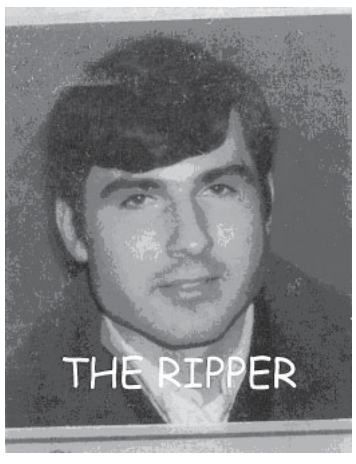
The City is looking at ways to enhance the package offered to entice new hires. They already started a $2500.00 voucher to get a rookie outfitted with uniforms and gear, and are now exploring a $5000.00 hiring bonus and paying for relocation fees. There is even a rumor that the first three steps of the pay scale are going to be eliminated to make the starting pay more attractive. While all of these ideas are good ones to help make the Seattle PD more attractive to entry level candidates, what is the city willing to do to sweeten the pot to retain experienced officers? Things such as tuition assistance, take home cars, a quartermaster system, meaningful incentives to entice an officer to live within a very expensive city are items that other agencies currently offer. If nobody has noticed, we have officers leaving SPD for places like Lakewood PD, which offers much more than what currently exists here. In a time when the city is asking our officers to do more with less, at least they can do is show us the money and come up with some other benefits to make this a better place to work!

As many of you know, King County Sheriff's Sergeant Jim Laing heroically intervened and stopped an armed robbery in-progress near Pike Place market on January 26th, while off-duty. For those of you who don't know, Sergeant Laing was originally hired by SPD in 1969, and had serial number 3040. Sergeant Laing deserved a Medal of Valor for his actions, but sadly the Sheriff's Office didn't think so. Sergeant Laing is a friend of the SPD, and has been personally very good to me over the years. Last month Sergeant Laing finally got his day in front of a King County inquest jury, which probed the details of the shooting. The only troubling part of the inquest process for Sergeant Laing was the decedent's family attorney was none other than Sheley Secrest, who serves on the three-member OPA Review Board. Though Sergeant Laing's actions were a focal part of the inquest, other witnesses were also scrutinized, including our own Homicide detectives. Ms. Secrest's days should be numbered on the OPA Review Board, as the conflict of interest surrounding her is so obvious even a blind man can see it.

After 36 years of faithful service to the citizens of Seattle, The Ripper is finally hanging it up! Detective Ron Rispoli is one of a kind, and one easy-going guy. It was my distinct pleasure to work with him for a couple years in West Burglary, where there was never a dull day. If you ever want to hear someone analyze the perils of the Seattle Mariners, just ask Ripper! Mark your calendar for Ripper's retirement party set for October 25th at the Pyramid Alehouse. Love ya like a brother Ripper!

Until next month, be safe out there! Feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions and articles at spogguardian@yahoo.com. "There is not in all America a more dangerous trait than the deification of mere smartness unaccompanied by any sense of moral responsibility."- Theodore Roosevelt.

PARTY TIME



After 36 years, The one and only Ripper is hanging it up!

Come and send Ron Rispoli off into retirement in style Thursday October 25, 2007 at 1800 hours at The Pyramid Alehouse located at 1201 First Avenue South Seattle, WA 98134. (Across from Safeco Field) Ample parking spots are available behind Pyramid.

Tickets are $25.00 each, which includes a buffet dinner and a hosted beer and wine bar.

For tickets, contact:
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Calendar of Events

Seattle Police Relief Association board meeting at the SPRAG Office
Wednesday, October 10th

3rd Annual Bacon Bowl Dinner
Friday, October 19th at 1700 hours at the Space Needle

Seattle Police Officers' Guild general membership meeting at the SPOG Office
Wednesday, October 31st at 2000 hours

Halloween
Wednesday, October 31st

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